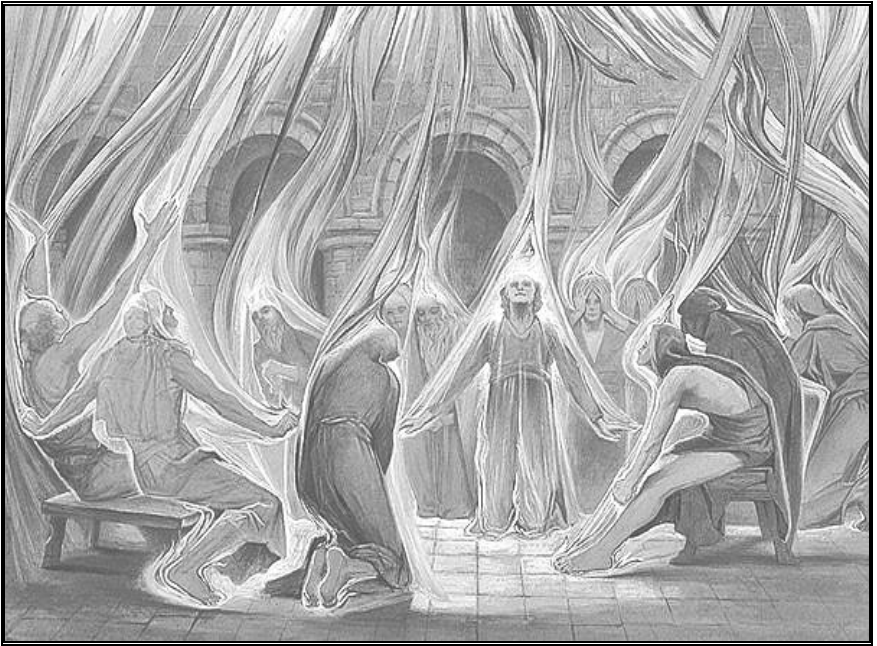


STUDIES IN THE DOCTRINE OF THE SPIRIT:

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



"I BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."—MARK 1:8 (NASB)



VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Thirteenth Day of February, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



If it is conceded that the Christian has certain civic responsibilities and that God's Church enjoys a cultural mandate to share its light unto a dying and decaying civilization, we may well ask "What *specific issues* should be held as vital and paramount in this day-and-age of "**Culture Wars**?"

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Spirit of the Living God"* (#83).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"The Banner of the Cross"* (#489).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Take my Life and Let it Be"* (#380).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Sound the Battle Cry"* (#490).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Fill My Cup Lord"* (#220).

Benediction.*



**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Today's Verses for Reflection:

"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit."—1 Cor. 12:13 (ESV)



Week of Feb. 6-12

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—10

Midweek—4; Church Offering: \$737.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Our studies in the Prophecy of Daniel continue with the account of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Great Tree.



WINTER POTLUCK



On Sunday, February 27th, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the warm fellowship of an after-church Winter Potluck (i.e., bring whatever you like!).

AFRICAN REPORT FROM PASTOR KEITH MERRIMAN (FEB. 10)

Dear beloved brethren, Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Salomon has arrived safely in Bengar 1 in Chad (near Moundou). This village is just across the border from Cameroon in the southern tip of Chad. He says there have already been many challenges. Our communication is very poor so I have not been able to speak with him directly. He will be in Bengar for a few days then on to Kumrah then Sarh then to Ndjamena. Please continue to pray for a successful ministry to the CGBCI churches in Chad. Thanks for your prayers. God bless, Keith

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The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

By Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh; Feb. 13, AD 2022

Another distinctively post-Pentecost ministry of the Spirit predicted by John the Baptist (Mark 1:8) and promised by our Lord (Acts 1:5) is the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a work of the Spirit that is **unique** to the present Church Age, beginning with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (compare Acts 1:5, Acts 2, and Acts 11:15). Prior to Pentecost, there was no spiritual body called the Christian Church to be baptized into! In Acts 1:5, Jesus identifies the Baptism of the Spirit as a yet *future* event. In Acts 11:15, however, Peter retrospectively identifies “**the beginning**” of the Spirit’s work in this manner as something that occurred back on the Day of Pentecost (recorded in Acts 2).

Whereas the Spirit’s Ministry of **Indwelling** speaks of His coming to dwell within us, **Spirit Baptism** points to our being *placed in union with Christ* (Rom. 6:3, 5), who is the Baptizer, and *in union with His Church*. We are **immersed into the Church universal**—that Community where the Spirit (the baptizing Agent) dwells (I Cor. 12:13)—even as the symbol of water baptism marks our entrance into the local and visible church.

As I Cor. 12:13 further observes (along with Gal. 3:27-28), this ministry of the Spirit, like indwelling, is universal to **all believers**—not merely some spiritually elite, “Charismatic” few. The Baptism of the Spirit is something that is *done unto* the believer at the outset of his salvation; it is not something *done by* the believer. It is not a special empowerment to be repeatedly *sought* subsequent to salvation—as is commonly taught within the Pentecostal/Charismatic tradition.

With the Baptism of the Spirit, we are in vital union with all Church Age believers, whether they be Jew or Greek, male or female, master or slave. We all share in the ONE baptism (Eph. 4:5)!